

projects, in which industry, users and R & D institutions are partners. Besides funding industrial R & D programmes through the HGT scheme, the DST also supports projects in areas such as Development/Upgradation of Instruments, Drugs & Pharmaceuticals and Advanced Materials Development.

- The DBT provides support to Research and Development Programmes for Demonstration and Technology Transfer activities in areas related to biotechnology such as medical biotechnology, human genetics, microbial technology, biochemical engineering, bio-fertilisers diagnostic kits, tissue culture etc. There are 16 task forces and expert committees in DBT to look into the support provided by the Department for their R&D projects in the identified areas and monitor them closely. The DBT has also signed a MOU with the NRDC in October 1995 to jointly transfer DBT developed technologies to industry and also exploitation of technologies developed through DBT funded projects. Under that MOU, 10 international state-of-the-art processes developed in various R&D laboratories/universities with DBT funded have already been assigned to NRDC for commercialisation. NRDC as per its norms of practice, is undertaking a number of activities for commercialising those processes, viz. evaluating the laboratory scale process data for assessing completeness/adequacy or commercialisation, undertaking commercial market survey to assess the size of domestic and foreign market for the bio-technology based products involved, indentifying prospective industrial partners for licencing and commercialisation of those processes and action for patenting the patentable processes both at home and abroad.

Oil Fields

4207. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to build a pipeline network to pool gas from the oil fields of all pockets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU):(a) to (c). Pipeline networks to pool gas from oil/gas fields are set up as required subject to techno-economic feasibility.

[Translation]

Nathpa Jhakri Power Project

4208. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of such officers in Nathpa Jhakri Project against whom the allegations of corruption have been levelled;

(b) the details of total expenditure of Chairman and Managing Director of Nathpa Jhakri Project;

(c) the details of educational qualifications of these officers;

(d) the number and names of financing institutes which have financed for this project and the rate of interest charged thereon;

(e) the names of countries from which machinery has been purchased for this project;

(f) the cost thereof; and

(g) the quantum of goods being purchased per month without quotation? *

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) According to the Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation (NJPC), there are four officers working for Nathpa Jhakri Hydroelectric Project against whom allegations of corruption have been made.

(b) An expenditure of approximately Rs. 1.26 lakhs has reportedly been incurred by NJPC on its Chairman and Managing Director on account of his salary and other perquisites for the period April, 1996 to July, 1996.

(c) Three of the four officers against whom the allegations of corruption have been made, possess a degree in Engineering while the fourth has a diploma in Civil Engineering.

(d) The names of the organisations/institutions with whom NJPC has signed the loan agreements and the rate of interest payable are given below :

Name of organisation/institution	Rate of interest payable (per annum)
1	2
1. World Bank (\$437 million) (through Government of India)	16-17%
2. Kfw, Germany (DM 132.068 million)	6.635%

1	2
3. Kfw, Germany (DM 18.894 million)	1.25% plus Kfw's effective cost of funding
4. Consortium of Swiss Banks led by Swiss Bank Corporation, Switzerland (CHF 54.643 million)	0.75% plus weighted average Swiss Export Base Rate (SEBR).
5. Consortium of Swiss Banks led by Swiss Bank Corporation, Switzerland (CHF 9.643 million)	6 months London Inter-Bank Offered Reference Rate (Libor) plus 2%, 2.25%, 3% and 3.5% for first two, third, fourth and fifth year respectively.
6. Eksportfinans, Norway*	5.95%
7. Nordic Investment Bank, (NOK 110 million)	0.65% plus 6 months Libor.

* NOK 263.231 Million

+ US\$ 6.324 Million

(e) to (g). The names of the countries of contractors to whom NJPC has awarded contracts for the supply of plant and machinery and the contract value are indicated below :

Name of the Country	Contract Value
1. Germany	DM 87.605 million
2. Switzerland	CHF 44.705 million
3. Norway	NOK 249.014 million
4. France	Fr.F. 256.285 million & Rs. 79.629 million
5. U.K.	B. Pounds 15.818 million
6. India	DM 17.652 million NOK 13.480 million CHF 9.752 million US \$ 5.606 million Rs. 365.228 million Rs. 506.032 million

NJPC has reported that no major procurement of goods is made by the Corporation without quotations.

[English]

Panna-Mukta Oil Field

4209. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some irregularities in awarding of Panna-Mukta oil field to the Oil and Natural Gas Commission, Reliance Industries Limited and Enron Oil and Gas Consortium have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry is being conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). CBI has initiated a preliminary enquiry in the matter.

Plan Outlay for Delhi

4210. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government have been continuously curtailing Planned outlay for different schemes in Delhi during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). Plan outlay for Delhi during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 were approved at Rs. 1075 crores, Rs. 1560 crores and Rs. 1720 crores respectively. This indicates that there is continuous increase in Plan outlay for Delhi. The outlay for 1994-95 and 1995-96 for all the major sectors also shows an enhancement except in respect of Industry & Minerals and Transport sectors during 1995-96. The allocation for different sectors/sub-sectors are finalised on the basis of priorities attached to them keeping in view the overall availability of resources.

[Translation]

Roads in Uttar Pradesh

4211. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to formulate any special scheme to metal all the Kacha roads in Almora and Pitoragarh districts of Uttar Pradesh; and